

FREE PRESS.

ISAAC H. JULIAN, Editor.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

SATURDAY.....JULY 5.

TO ADVERTISERS.

THE FREE PRESS is a leading newspaper and advertising medium, and has the best office between the Colorado and San Antonio rivers. Circulates also generally, both South and North. A live paper, devoted to the promotion of the development and progress of the country. Jeffersonian Democratic in politics. Only and official paper of the county. San Marcos, the county seat, is a growing town of some 1,200 inhabitants, located on the great highway and stage route from Austin, via San Antonio to Mexico, on the line of the International Railroad which has been completed to Austin, the capital of the state, only thirty miles distant, and it is confidently anticipated will soon be extended to this place. It is noted for its religious and educational privileges, and as the center of a fine country and excellent community also for the celebrated spring, half a mile above, which boils up from the bowels of the earth at the foot of the mountains, forming the San Marcos river, and constituting at once a great natural curiosity and an inexhaustible water power.

Advertising agents, and advertisers generally throughout the country, will be apt to recognize in the proprietor of the Free Press one with whom, as a newspaper publisher of Eastern fame, during the forty years, from September 1858 to December 1897, they have probably had business transactions, to which he can point them with pleasure as the best evidence of his responsibility and made of doing business.

See table of advertising rates on first page.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,
June 26, '79.

To-day the Democracy, or the most of it, in the two Houses, will agree upon some measure to provide money for carrying on the Courts. It will be such a measure as Mr. Hayes will sign. It will reach him this week. An attempt will also be made, in a separate bill, to provide for U. S. Marshals, but no money will be under any circumstances appropriated for the pay of the election marshals. There are not ten Democrats in the House who will ever consent to that. The day of adjournment cannot be even approximately fixed. The man most willing to meet Mr. Hayes and agree upon measures not obnoxious to him, was Mr. Alex. H. Stephens, of Ga., but he, after an interview with him the other day, is willing to stay all summer rather than yield. Mr. Stephens was about the last of conservative men to lose all faith in Hayes, but he has lost it.

Senator Beck, always practical, earnest and honest in his handling of money questions, has introduced the following resolution, which, it will be seen, authorizes a most comprehensive inquiry into the manner in which nearly all our income is collected and disbursed:

"That a joint committee, composed of five Senators and seven Representatives, be appointed in such manner as each House may determine, to examine and report at an early day of the next December session of this Congress, what changes, if any, ought to be made in the mode of guarding or collecting the revenue, either from customs or internal taxation, or in the management of the various departments and bureaus of the Government, with a view to efficiency in service and economy in the appropriations of the public money; said committee shall report whether changes from permanent to annual appropriations would be advantageous or otherwise, in whole or in part; it shall have power to sit during recess, to examine witnesses, send for persons and papers, administer oaths, appoint sub-committees and visit such places as will enable it to obtain such information as it may desire; and the expenses of the committee shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the two Houses, in the proportion of the number of members of each."

In connection with this comprehensive inquiry another and hardly less important one is proposed. It is into the condition of our sea-coast defenses, and the efficiency and the cost of the artillery and small arms used by the Government. The resolution is before the House Military Committee. It is based on various statements, one being by Gen. Q. A. Gilmore, of the Army, and another by Chief Engineer King, of the Navy. There are no higher authorities than these. They agree that our sea-coasts are practically defenceless against the heavily armed and armored vessels of Europe. Gen. Gilmore says that \$2,000,000,000 worth of property on our coasts is within easy reach of such vessels, while we could do nothing to protect it or injure them. The reason of this is, of course, that other Governments adopt improvements as they are made, while in the last half generation our Government has adopted none or very few either in large or small arms. The Indians, getting their supplies of arms from our private manufacturers, are better armed than our soldiers, though the latter have the best arms manufactured by the Government.

DEM.

From Austin.

Representative Holmes, in the course of a private letter of July 1, says:

The school and other appropriations in omnibus form were reported on favorably by the finance committee. There was also a minority report. Bill will probably come up to-morrow. Each party is arrayed for the battle.

Misrepresentation Rebuked.

Appropos of the political diatribes which we copy on our first page from E. V. S., of the New York Tribune, we make the following extract from a correspondent of the Galveston News. It seems that E. V. S., misrepresented everything there as elsewhere in Texas. The correspondent says:

When Mr. E. V. S. came to Waco he was received in a manner that ought to have satisfied the most fastidious and exacting tourist. Every facility was afforded him for sight-seeing, interviewing, etc.; our very best citizens rendering service in the chaperoning of the distinguished representative of the New York press— not because he was a representative republican, or because he was a New Yorker, but because the Tribune had said he was coming to write up the State of Texas in a spirit of honest intent, unbiased in any way whatever.

Every intelligent tourist who has come among us, with the single exception of E. V. S., has made particular mention of the fact that our people are "made up" of immigrants from all the States of the Union and of foreigners of all nationalities, and in this particular are we a truly cosmopolitan people. Mr. E. V. S. writes of these people as though he was sent here to put up a job in the interest of the radical wing of the republican party North, when he says "the memories of the rebellion are cherished," and that we are willfully blind "to Northern superiority in its best elements of civilization." This talk sounds rather queer in our ears at present, coming as it does at a time when society here is all agog with the recent nuptials of the gallant ex-reb. B—r and the charming Miss D—w, a Northern beauty. Were I to take the trouble, and were it worth it, I could convict E. V. S. of willful slander of our people with evidence obtained from respectable republicans, and quite a number of them, residents of this city.

Mr. Poore recalls a cutting rebuke administered by Charles Sumner to Senators who persisted in talking while he was on the floor. He was speaking in arraignment of the Grant administration. Mr. Carpenter left his seat and went to that of Mr. Conkling with whom he was chatting, when Sumner paused, and pointing to the two Senators, said said angrily: "When that conference committee has agreed will it please make its report that I may proceed." The galleries roared, and Mr. Carpenter returned to his seat, leaving the great Massachusetts Senator a clear field.

The annual loss by fires in this country is estimated at \$80,000,000, the cost of insurance \$30,000,000 and the expense of fire departments \$20,000,000. About one half of the loss is paid by insurance companies, or about \$40,000,000. Add to the \$30,000,000 paid to these companies the \$20,000,000 cost of fire departments, and the amount paid for insurance is greater than the amount received.

The daughter of the late Gen. Robert E. Lee is engaged to be married to a wealthy English merchant of Birmingham.

The room in which Davy Crockett fell in the old Alamo, is now occupied as a printing office.

Onion Creek and Vicinity.

Col. John Bunton is very low. Father Robinson, who is 104 years old has gone on a visit to Kentucky. The Commencement exercises at Science Hall were more interesting than ever before. That school is an ornament to the county and will continue to be, under the present managers.

There is more corn in this community than we at first estimated. Wheat did not average more than 5 bushels, Oats 10 to 15 bushels. Cotton is very backward but well worked.

There are but six gates to open on the road from Science Hall to San Marcos, Mr. Breedlove has a good latch, Mr. Day also has good latches, our friend Lock, ties his up with a rope and Ferg Kyle uses about enough wire for two, to conveniently fasten one. I should think these gentlemen could use modern latches without offending the old fogies.

JEFFRIES.

Important Transfer of Hymn Book Interests.

Messrs. SCRIBNER & Co., having under the business management of Mr. Roswell Smith, brought the publishing of Magazines from doubtful experiment to an unparalleled success, have now entered a new field with characteristic energy in the publication of Hymn and Tune Books for churches.

Their recent issue of "Spiritual Songs" by Dr. Chas. S. Robinson and Rev. Robert S. MacArthur, in beautiful style, at very moderate prices, met with universal commendation from the critics. And now comes the announcement that the plates and copyrights of "Songs for the Sanctuary," and all Dr. Robinson's other works, have been purchased by this house from A. S. Barnes & Co.

By this transfer, the works of the most successful compiler of hymn and tune books are consolidated in the hands of a firm which has ample facilities for bringing them out in the very best form at the lowest possible prices.

Dr. Robinson's earlier works, especially the popular "Songs for the Sanctuary," in its various editions, are used in more churches than all other similar collections put together, and yet it is said that the entire income received by Dr. Robinson from his Hymn Books for the past sixteen years has been given back to the churches in various ways for the cause of Christianity.

Domestic Receipts.

Disinfectant—A teaspoonful of turpentine added to a pail of water will disinfect a sick room immediately, and will prove a powerful auxiliary against germs and bad odors.

French Jelly Cake—Take 3 eggs, 1 cup of sugar, 3 tablespoonsful of water 1 cup of flour, 2 spoonsful of baking powder; beat the whites and yolks separately; then beat all together; season with lemon.

Protection against Moths.—A small piece of paper or linen moistened with turpentine and put into the wardrobe or drawers for a single day, two or three times a year is a sufficient preventative against moths.

WHICH IS CHEAPEST

A package of Duke's Durham, containing twenty pipe-fills of the best smoking tobacco made, or one common cigar? Each costs ten cents.

CUBAN CHILL TONIC, the great West Indies Fever and Ague Remedy, a New and great Medicine for Chills Fevers, Biliousness and Liver Complaint, at Raynolds & Daniel's.

Why will you suffer with a shivering chill or a burning fever? Two doses of Cuban Tonic, the Great West Indies Fever and Ague Remedy, will stop a chill, while one bottle will break them up for years. Try it at Raynolds & Daniel's.

PARKER'S Santonine Worm Lozenges, the best, purest and safest worm medicine in the world, at Raynolds & Daniel's. Buy none but Parker's Lozenges.

THE LONE STAR FURNITURE STORE!

WARD & HOPKINS,

(East side Plaza.)

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

Keep all kinds of Furniture, Bedsteads, Tables, Chairs, Safes, Wardrobes, Bureaus, Mattresses, Window Shades, Chromos and Mottos Frames.

COFFINS, OF ALL SIZES.

Singer Sewing Machine Needles and Oil on hand, at low figures.

FOR SALE, CHEAP!

One Kennedy latest improved Brick Machine—new and first-class in every respect, will turn out 7,500 brick per day, and with less expense and better satisfaction than any other machine in use. For full particulars call on or write to

J. L. PICKENS,
Ag't. G. H. & S. A. Ry.
Kingsbury, Texas.

GET YOUR PRINTING

—DONE AT THE—

FREE PRESS OFFICE.

Having now a

GOOD JOB PRINTER,

We are ready to DUPLICATE any ordinary job, both in quality and price, whether done at

GALVESTON, AUSTIN, SAN ANTONIO,

or elsewhere! So bring on your work. No further excuse for carrying it abroad.

Encourage home industry and enterprise.

TRY US,

is all we ask.

C. F. MILLETT, AUSTIN, TEXAS, MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN TEXAS AND LOUISIANA LUMBER,

SASH, DOORS, BLINDS AND SHINGLES.

OFFICE, YARD and PLANING MILL on the INTERNATIONAL Railroad Track.

ED. J. RAU.

C. H. RAU.

RAU BROTHERS, SAN MARCOS CARRIAGE FACTORY, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

—MANUFACTURERS OF—

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, SPRING WAGONS, AMBULANCES, &C.,

including painting and trimming in the finest style and best of workmanship. Our qualifications and facilities for this branch of manufacture are superior to any heretofore known in this part of the State.

BLACKSMITHING

In all its branches is carried on in connection with our business. Having now the entire ownership and control of this department, we are prepared to do all kinds of blacksmith work promptly, and in the best manner. We have a superior horse-shoer, and make a specialty of that branch of the business.

Owning and running the entire establishment ourselves, and claiming to understand our business thoroughly, we propose to do first-class work, and would respectfully solicit the patronage of all desiring work in our line.

June 28 8m

WM. GIESEN,

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS,

—Dealer in—

GENERAL MERCHANDISE!

Cotton, Corn, Wool and Hides Bought for Cash at Highest Market Prices.

—AGENT FOR—

MOLINE WAGONS, DEERE PLOWS, McCORMICK SELF-BINDER AND REAPER, NICHOLS, SHEPARD & CO.'S THRESHER AND ENGINES, BROWN'S COTTON GIN, KELLEY'S STEEL-BARBED WIRE.

March 1. ly

JOSEPH LANDA'S FLOURING MILLS!

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEX.

—Manufacturer of—

CHOICE FAMILY, RYE, XX, and GRAHAM

FLOUR!

CORN MEAL, CRACKED CORN, ALL KINDS OF BRAN.

Custom Grinding a Specialty.

A Commodious Wagon Yard attached. FREE to Customers. June 7-3m

JUL REMER, DRUGGIST AND APOTHECARY

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

DEALER IN

DRUGS MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, PERFUMERY,

SOAPS, BRUSHES,

COMBS AND NOTIONS,

Pure Wines and Liquors for Medical Purposes,

PAINTS, OILS, AND VARNISHES.

Physicians' Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

March 29-ly

\$300 A MONTH guaranteed. \$12 a day at home made by the Industrial Capital not required; we will wait you. Men, women, boys and girls make money faster at work for us than at anything else. The work is light and pleasant, and such as anyone can go right at. Those who are wise who see this outline will send us their addresses at once and see for themselves. Closely guarded and terms free. Now is the time. Those already at work are laying up large sums of money. Address TRIN & CO., Augusta, Maine. June 28-ly

CENTRAL ROUTE

TO TEXAS.

Houston & Texas Central R'y AND CONNECTIONS

Over 5,000,000 Acres of Land for Sale In Texas, at from \$1 50 to \$10 per acre.

This Is The Only Line Running Through the Central and Best Portions of the State of Texas.

PASSENGER EXPRESS TRAINS

—AND—

DAILY FAST FREIGHT LINES! BETWEEN TEXAS AND

Kansas City, St. Louis & Chicago

PULLMAN'S PALACE SLEEPING CARS each way, daily, without change.

BET. ST. LOUIS & HOUSTON via SEDALIA and MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The Short Line.

PULLMAN'S PALACE SLEEPING CARS each way, without change.

BET. DALLAS & ST. LOUIS via VINITA and St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.

Special inducements to Immigrants and people desiring to settle in the State.

For information as to rates of passage and freight, routes, etc., apply in person, or by letter to:

C. B. GRAY. J. WALDO. A. G. P. A. G. F. & P. A. HOUSTON, TEXAS.

April 19-ly

To INVENTORS and MECHANICS

PATENTS and how to obtain them. Pamphlet of 60 pages free, upon receipt of stamps for postage. Address—

GILMORE, SMITH & CO., Solicitors of Patents, Box 31, Washington, U. C.

Feb. 18-ly